

Irish Airlines First Flight Covers Can Still Be Gotten

Some collectors might have given up the idea of obtaining first flight covers of the Ireland-United States first flight of the Irish Air Lines because when first announced, the offer gave collectors little time to prepare covers and get them to the proper destination. To have taken place on March 17, the flight was postponed to a date in May, as yet, not established. Therefore, it is now possible to get covers to the proper authorities for placement on the flight.

As an aid to collectors in the United States who want covers with the new issue of the Irish Air Mail Stamps included on the first flight from Shannon to Boston and Shannon to New York, Irish Air Lines have made special arrangements to handle their request. For a remittance of fifty cents (50c) they will prepare a special collector's cover, see that it is properly cacheted, that the new issue of Irish Air Mail Stamp is used as postage, and that the cover is backstamped in Boston or New York.

Collectors in the United States wishing westbound covers should send their remittances, and the name and address of persons to whom covers are to be addressed, to the Philatelic Manager, Irish Air Lines, 33 East 50th street, New York 22, New York.

Special instructions will be issued by the United States Postal Service in connection with the first eastbound flight from New York and Boston to Shannon and Dublin, Ireland. Cover collectors should therefore watch the pages of this paper for such an announcement, and act at once after it appears.

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Freedoms Centennial Commem



On March 15, the Hungarian government issued a set of stamps to celebrate the Freedoms Centennial Festivals. Stamps of this issue are shown on the above cover. They are an 8 filler carmine, a 30f. olive brown, a 1 cent blue, a 2ft. dark brown, a 3ft. green and a 4ft. red. As can be seen from the illustration at least three different designs were used. The original news release about this set from the Hungarian post office was to the effect that there were to be eleven stamps to the set. Of several covers that have been seen, each bore the above values. The others might have been released at this same time, as these were to be denominations of 10, 12, 20, 40 and 60 fillers. Courtesy J. Martin, St. Louis, Mo.

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Visitors to the open house sponsored by the St. Joseph (Mo.) Stamp Collectors Club at St. Joseph, Missouri on April 3 and 4 will have a fine opportunity to see and examine the line of Linn Philatelic Products. The firm of R. S. & M. G. Lukenbill, Box 61, Willow Springs, Mo. will represent Linn's and have these articles on display and for sale at their bourse table.

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Club Suggests Design For Identification Pin

There has been a lot of activity on the part of the Ford Employees Stamp Club of Windsor, Ontario to have stamp collectors in all parts of the world adopt an insignia that would be recognized as an identification. They suggest that the emblem illustrated herewith be given consideration for this purpose.



Since the club is in no position to carry the burden of promoting such a plan on its own, either from the financial or work angles, it is asking the interested cooperation of stamp clubs in all parts of the world to assist in the project. All interested persons are asked to write to E. R. Dales, secretary, Ford Employees Stamp Club, Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd., Windsor, Ontario.

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The area was founded April 17, 1923 and comprises an entire island, the largest in this man-made lake and has a worldwide reputation as one of the finest sections available for the study of the flora and fauna of a tropical forest.

The stamp which will be released to commemorate the founding of the area is the double-size commemorative stamp consisting of an outline of the island itself showing the degrees of latitude and longitude with the picture of the animal superimposed in a typical pose, facing forward with tail upright. The stamp itself will be for general postage use. It will be printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington in the denomination of 10c, color grey-black.

The coati-mundi is very similar to the raccoon found in many sections of the United States. It is the size of an Irish Terrier but short in the forelegs, high in the hind legs and has a large hairy tail about three feet long. It has the familiar white mask on the eyes, similar to the racoon and light rings about the tail. He eats anything, berries, vegetables, leaves, fruits, meat, birds and fish to say nothing of the iguana of which he is particularly fond.

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Collectors Urged To Attend And Exhibit In Stamp Shows; Educational Features Unlimited

By Carl P. Rueth

Each year when the cooler days of October grace the end of the current year, the doors of the first of the Fall and Winter Season's stamp exhibitions are thrown open to an eager, stamp hungry public. Shortly thereafter, there begins a tide of mail to the editors of philatelic publications and sundry other persons that reaches the crest of quantity about the beginning of the month of April. Each of these pieces of mail decry and damn the ignorance and the poor judgment of exhibition chairmen generally, and stamp show judges in particular.

These letters are usually signed with the name of a living person, but they might just as well be signed "Disappointed Exhibitor." Because hurt feelings stick out in every word contained in these missives. Someone who thought that they had a winning exhibit received a rude awakening when the choice of the judges was cast in another direction than in that of their pets.

Granting that the above statement is quite correct, it leaves just one person who is not in step with the march of qualified opinion. And that is? Why, it is the exhibitor himself.

Usually the first showing of stamps that a collector makes is in an exhibition sponsored by his local club, and one perchance to which the entries are limited to the club members. The competition here is not too keen, because most of the entries are just as inexperienced in composition as his own. The next usual step is an exhibition in which the entries are confined to collectors of a certain district. Following that comes the national shows where entries from all over the country, and some of the neighboring nations are placed on view. And lastly come the big international shows, where the cream of the stamp collections of the entire world are placed in competition. The CIPEX of last May was the international exhibition for 1947, while the one for 1948 will be held in Basle, Switzerland.

It therefore goes without saying, that the more open the competition, the more exacting must be the preparation of the collection. In an exhibitor's first display of stamps at a show, let us say Continued on Page 11

100 Year Progress Of American Women To Be Commemorated

Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson announced that the President has directed the Post Office Department to issue a special commemorative stamp commemorating 100 years of progress by the Women of America.

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April 16, 1948

Identical in size and design with the five preceding anniversary issues, the newest poster bears the club's emblem depicting a family of four sitting astride a hobbyhorse with the slogan, "Ride Your Hobbyhorse to Happiness" appearing below.

The poster stamp, approximately four times the size of an ordinary postage stamp, is printed on gummed paper with one to a souvenir sheet. Choice of two varieties, both perforated, will be dark blue on buff paper and green on white. A pair of the posters may be obtained at the rate of 10c per pair postage prepaid by writing to Philip McDonnell, 6516 Newell St., Huntington Park, Calif. Former issues of the society's poster stamps are still available at the same rate, subject to stock lasting.

Trophy Winners For The 1948 POLPEX

Polplex 1948 proved to be the biggest exhibit and bourse ever held by the Polonus Philatelic Society, and is an indication of the increased interest in philately since the close of the war. Owing to the extremely wide publicity in the Polish press, many of the visitors were not only stamp collectors but many came who were interested in only the historical aspect of the fine displays portrayed. The three day show also attracted many school children who evinced a great interest not only in the displays but also in stamp collecting in general.

V. Rachmanov's historical collection of 18th. Century Polish stampless covers, which won the Grand Award (the Larking Trophy) was probably one of the most outstanding displays of Polish Philatelic material ever placed on display in this country.

The showing was rich in royal frank's historical addresses and similar material which is usually found only in Poland itself and even there—only in the great museums of that country. One colorful cover in this collection was addressed to General T. Kosciuszko; and only the past can tell us just what historical message it might have contained!

Other awards at the show went to the following. The Pulaski Trophy to M. E. Steczynski; the Stephen G. Rich Trophy to Dr. M. E. Uznanski; the Polonus Memorial Trophy to Stephen G. Rich; the Dr. Kozakiewicz Trophy to M. E. Steczynski; the Polish Historical Award to A. S. Rybarski; and the SPA Research Award to C. J. Mickucki.

First Award medals were won by S. F. Kunicki, B. Reeves, Dr. W. Eisen and Col. O. H. Schrader. The souvenir sheet for the show which was dedicated to the Bicentennial of Pulaski's birth, and the opening day memorial cover franked with a Pulaski stamp, proved to be very popular souvenirs of the great show. Either item may still be had for 20c each, by ordering from A. Klosowski, 2528 N. Drake Ave., Chicago 47, Illinois, as long as the supply remains.

Bourse tables will be available for those who are interested in such accomodations at \$1 per table. Likewise, it has been urged by Mrs. L. W. McDanel, 1201 Third Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa. that those intending to make use of hotel reservations should make these at once and that she would be happy to help in this respect.

Beaver County's shows in the past have won wide acclaim and the 1948 event promises to be a most successful one. Collectors from a wide area are expected to gather for the festivities.

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All covers are attractively cacheted, and where such is offered, they also contain the commemorative cachets and postmarks supplied by the Postal Administration. A list of the services and covers offered by Philatelie Equator can be obtained by enclosing a three cent stamp with your request for it, addressed to the firm at the above address.

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Billig's Philatelic Handbook, Volume II, second revised edition, edited and published by Fritz Billig, Jamaica 3, New York. Contains 208 pages, illustrated, cloth binding at \$3.50 from the publisher.

It is to be understood right at the beginning that the Billig Philatelic Handbook is strictly a reference book, and not one that a person will have any reason to read from cover to cover any more than they would an encyclopedia. It is a book that provides valuable information in an easy to understand, comprehensive manner. The present book illustrates many of the various figured cancellations that were used on the stamps of the nineteenth century in the United States. It also illustrates the fake grills and the fake cancellations that were used on stamps by Thomas of Chicago before his apprehension.

Then collectors who are interested in identifying the numeral cancellations on the stamps of Belgium will certainly be well pleased with what is offered in the Billig book, for they seem to have been listed completely.

The bulk of the book, about 160 pages, is taken up by a philatelic dictionary, which in many respects is better than several others that have been published this year. Here a collector is apt to find some of the more difficult of the explanations for the words and the terms that are to be found in philately. Other dictionaries have covered the matter quite well for the general collector, but the Billig dictionary touches on some of the terms that have been avoided by the other works and which might be thought of interest to the more specialized collectors only.

At 6:30 p. m. Saturday, the club will hold its annual banquet at the hotel, which is to be followed by special entertainment, and then later, a party for the wives of collectors.

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In general terms—stamps and an individual scarcity can often be predetermined. Just a matter of analysis, assuming that some facts are known from which a reading can be taken. The observing collector usually has some access to pertinent data on the subject at interest. Viz—the run of perfection or lack of it—Scotts 537 is an example. What did you do as a result of your observations then. What would you do today if the same situation presented itself.

Sources for wanted current material can be and are pinpointed right along, daily, one might say. Every strata of business has its large operators—banking, shipping, forwarders, mail order houses, chains, importers and exporters, factors, auto mfgr's etc. And the Who and whereabouts of such and other sources are inexhaustible. Where to look is a great game and it is commanding the attention of keen students who are putting into stamps successes gained in other fields. As one suave psychologist once said, don't fight 'em—join 'em.

Postmaster General Denies Slow Down Of Mails

Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson denied that there is any general slowdown in mail deliveries.

He conceded, however, that there have been "instances of slow deliveries." He attributed these to the "unprecedented" volume of mail now being handled.

Donaldson discussed his problems in answer to recent protests over slow deliveries.

He said the current fiscal year ending June 30 will see an all-time record for volume of mail.

Donaldson said he has enlisted the aid of every postoffice employee in a drive to eliminate delays.

Just two weeks ago, he said, an official order was sent to all postal workers reminding them of their "grave responsibility to the people of this country to keep the mails moving quickly and on schedule at all times."

There Is Not A Philippine Philatelic Agency In This Country

The Republic of the Philippines will not establish, or permit to be established a philatelic agent in the United States for the sale of the stamps of that country to collectors. That is the definite word submitted to Severino N. Luna of Manila by Juan Ruiz, Director of Posts, Republic of the Philippines. While there has been some agitation to have such an agent appointed, and even some rumors that such an official was in existence, collectors are assured that such an office has never been set up in this country.

When the Philippines were still in a commonwealth status, the government did have a philatelic agency in the United States. Collectors could obtain the stamps of that country without directing their requests to Manila. But with the start of the war, this agency was closed and was never re-opened.

Netherlands Indies To Have Native Government

Collectors will have every reason to look forward to the issuance of stamps from the United States of Indonesia, when that set-up of government takes place on January 1, 1949. That is the date that is chosen by the Dutch for the culmination of present activities toward federation. The present government of the Netherlands East Indies is in the nature of an interim government under the sponsorship of the Dutch.

Acting governor of the interim government is Gen. H. L. van Mook, who is to be assisted by former department heads who have been elevated to secretaries.

"Early Indian Cancellations" Fine Reference Book

In January of this year there was published a book entitled "Early Indian Cancellations". This work is from the pen of Jal Cooper of Bombay, India, well known dealer, collector and student of the stamps of that country. The book will certainly have a world of appeal to those collectors who are seriously interested in the stamps and the postal history of India, but will have no general appeal to the average philatelist.

As the title indicates, the cancellations used on the early stamps are catalogued, described, priced and illustrated. It is quite possible to find a reference to practically every cancellation that was ever used by this country. The author makes no claim to having listed them all, and clearly so states, even citing the fact that some new ones have shown up since the book was released by the publishers. He goes so far as to ask the cooperation of readers to make him acquainted with any that he has failed to include in his book.

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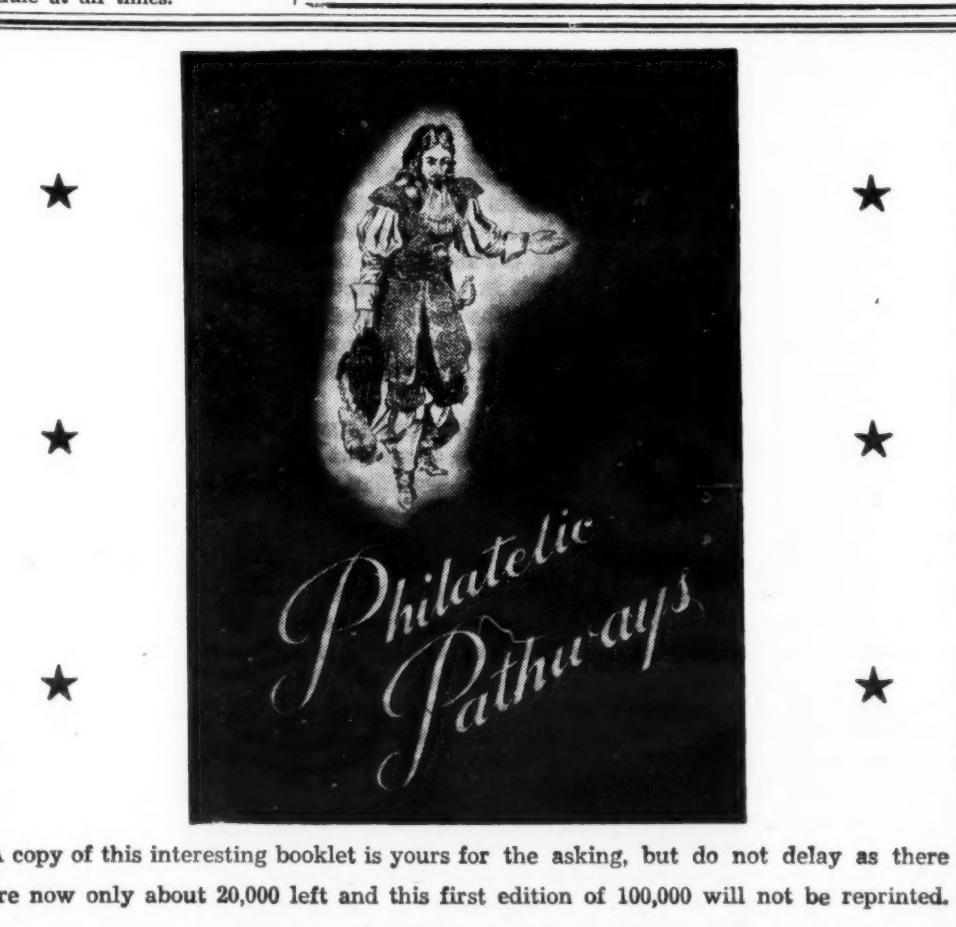
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It's Spring Again, Isn't It?

There is one thing that tickles me no end, every time it happens.

Interested?

It generally takes place when I stray from the home town to one of the many stamp club meetings and exhibitions that happen here and there around the country. The connection with Linn's Weekly Stamp News usually gets around in a hurry, so it isn't too long before one of the local characters come sidling up like a "hot" goods peddler, and with an expectant look on his face asks you in front of the gang, "what do you think of such and such stamp magazine?", mentioning one of our five contemporary publications. I like to make their jaws drop—I tell 'em, "I think is swell".



CARL P. RUETH

And believe it or not, I mean it! Of course, a lot of you people in front of the sheet of paper on which this is printed are going to wonder a little bit too, when you read that statement, but let's stop right here, and begin at scratch.

In the first place, our friend expected me to explode on the mention of a rival. He expected me to say that it was the poorest imitation of a philatelic publication ever made, and that it was edited and published by morons. Didn't he? But that wouldn't be so, would it? For the people who publish and edit our rival stamp papers are regular folks just like the rest of us. Interested in their stamps, and graced more or less with the ability of writing their knowledge about stamps to the education and the approval of their readers. They must appeal to a fair amount of collectors, or they wouldn't have lasted this long.

Of course, all of us here know that Linn's is the best of the lot, and we're religiously sure of the fact.

It seems to be a general conception though, that the staffs of the six leading philatelic news purveyors are blood enemies. Business rivals, yes, good competitors, certainly, and very smug persons indeed when one of the group slips a scoop over on the others. But ill feelings, dirty dealings and back stabbing, no.

In years gone by, so I am told, there seemed to be a different attitude among collectors, dealers and publishers than exists today. There seemed to be more of a spirit of comradeship on each of the levels of the hobby. In those days if an editor saw an article of merit in a rival publication, he would comment favorably on the fact, directing his readers attention to the story. Along with that, he would make every effort to have an article equally as good or better in the next edition of his own paper.

Today, while the number of worthy articles about stamps and the people who collect them are just as numerous as in the past, and perhaps even moreso, the only way that you would know about such an article would be to discover it on your own. Because none of the other papers would devote even one line to extol its merits.

As vast as are the subjects upon which any philatelic writers might dwell, it is a foregone conclusion that any one publication could not carry all the information that would interest their reader-collectors. Since I believe that the prime policy of all the stamp publications is to convey information to their readers, and to furnish entertainment occasionally, wouldn't it be a service to their subscribers to mention an informative article published elsewhere, that say for instance was about Australia, and of interest to their readers who collect Australia.

Certainly, it would be exposing their subscribers to the charms of a rival, but if their own efforts were top-notch, and were fine enough to win the favor of these people in the first place, they would have nothing to fear. Life is full of rivals and rivalries.

Fact of the matter is, I believe that all the philatelic publications would enjoy increased circulation and prestige, if such a policy were followed!

Each publication knows what the other is doing, for we all exchange our papers with each other. Since you can

get a pretty good idea of a fellow by what he writes, I would be sure that if I were joined by Burt Brownier of "Chambers", Harry Lindquist of "Stamps", Al Burns of "Western" George Stilphen of "Meekels" and Harry Weiss of "Gossip" in a room some place, that we'd have a dandy time together.

And instead of scrapping among ourselves, we'd break out a deck of cards, start a good penny-ante game, and between deals talk about some of the half-baked ideas that some of you readers get once in a while.

Dealers Bourse In April

To wind up the vacation period that Mr. Linn is taking he will drive to New York in April arriving there on the 20th to attend the Stamp Dealers Bourse at the McAlpin Hotel. At this same time his daughter Hazel will meet him in New York also to attend the bourse after which they will drive home to Sidney together.

Linn's Weekly will be represented with copies of the paper and other literature of interest to the stamp dealers at that time.

VOX POP

Linns Weekly
Box 379
Sidney, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I was much interested in reading in a recent issue of your Linns Weekly, which my wife has regularly, in noting the item to the effect that Buffalo Bill was the "youngest Pony Express rider in 1860". I trust you will permit me to correct this somewhat because the only Pony Express rider living is Broncho Charlie Miller who was ninety-eight years old last New Year's Day. He lives in Glens Falls, New York, and I have known him for almost six years.

Broncho Charlie rode the Pony Express when he was eleven years old for the last several months that the Pony Express riders carried the mail and until they terminated. Buffalo Bill was born William Frederick Cody in Scott County, Iowa, February 26, 1846, and, therefore, was fifteen years old in 1861 when he rode the Pony Express, and Broncho Charlie was eleven years old in 1861 when he rode the Pony Express.

Broncho Bill took Broncho Charlie abroad with him with his Wild West Show at the Queen's Jubilee in England, and Broncho Charlie was decorated by several of the crowned heads of Europe including Queen Victoria. Broncho Charlie was also a very personal friend of Theodore Roosevelt, and led Gov. Roosevelt's Inaugural Parade up State Street hill in Albany when Governor Roosevelt was inaugurated Governor of the State of New York.

It might interest you to also know that when Broncho Charlie was eighty-one years old he rode his horse across the Continent carrying a message from Mayor Walker of New York City to Mayor Rossi of San Francisco. Broncho Charlie rode his horse up the steps of the City Hall in San Francisco and presented a letter from Mayor Walker to Mayor Rossi written on the stationery of the office of Mayor, City of New York, and with the City of New York seal on the lower left corner. I have that letter here in my possession. Broncho Charlie is the only person who ever rode one horse across the Continent and have it alive when he arrived there. The United States Army has tried this several times but the results have always been that the cavalry officers have lost two or three horses enroute. Broncho Charlie's horse weighed twenty-six pounds more when he weighed in at San Francisco then when he left New York City.

I happen to be President of the Green Mountain Council of Boy Scouts and at our annual meeting and banquet in January of this year I had Boncho Charlie for one of our guests and speaker. He made a grand hit. His mind is just as acute as it was twenty-five years ago and he is in fine health at ninety-eight years and two months.

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The first Easter Seal sale was held in 1934, 13 years after the National Society was founded. Copies of the first Seal have become scarce and are worth many times their original value. J. H. Donahey, cartoonist of the Cleveland Plain dealer, designed the first Easter Seal which featured a crippled child occupying the center of a white cross against a bright orange background.

More than 2,500,000,000 Easter Seals have been lithographed this year as compared to 22,000,000 in 1934. Eight states participated in the 1934 Seal sale, while this year 47 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Alaska are selling the Seals.

In 1934 an annual national design contest was established by the National Society for secondary school students under 21. Art scholarships are awarded to the creators of the winning and runner-up designs as judged by a panel of prominent artists. The awards are dedicated to the memory of the late Michael J. Dowling, who became an educator, banker, legislator and inspiring leader, despite his loss of both legs and an arm in a Minnesota blizzard.

All issues of Easter Seals may be obtained from the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., Chicago 3, Ill., and from many dealers in this branch of philately throughout the country. Sets of seals with imperforations and progressive color proofs for all years except 1934 are also available. Although the 1934 issue of the seals is almost exhausted, ample stocks of all other issues can be obtained.

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Chicago Handstamp Gauge

Some time ago I mentioned the possibilities of making a nice collection from one city only. CHICAGO was one of the places named. If any have started a collection they have no doubt by now become acquainted with the handstamps, especially those that resemble U-1 type. There are many varieties, some no doubt true, others simply stages of wear and tear. What I mean is the same handstamp might be listed as a certain length when new and as it becomes worn the measurements could quite easily become distorted in different ways. However, to those who like to hunt and sort and measure there certainly is a better field that the Chicago handstamps. To aid collectors in this pursuit Mr. Chas. Defenbaugh of Anconia Ill. has devised a Handstamp Gauge to help you classify your handstamps. We do not know if it is for sale or not but knowing Charley as I do, I know he will treat you right if you but contact him.

NEA Dateds No More

I have word from Chas. Mertz of Philadelphia that the Datings of the NEA overprints on Cleveland, O. precancels ceased in May of 1947. I had not seen any for quite awhile but could get no definite information till just last week. I think these will be among the most popular of all the

printed Dateds.

Information About The B.C.O.F. Issues

Citizens of the United States are not too well aware that the occupation forces stationed in Japan are made up of other than personnel from the armed services of the United States. Among the forces on hand for the guiding of Japan through the post-war period are some from the British Empire. The bulk of these forces are composed of divisions from the Australian army, although Great Britain, New Zealand, India and Canada have armed personnel there also. This group is known as the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces and make use of stamps on which the initials of this unit are overprinted—"B. C. O. F."

The stamps now currently in use for the Empire Forces are made by the overprinting of "B.C.O.F./JAPAN/1946" on current stamps of Australia. There are seven of these stamps all told ranging in value from 1/2d to 5/. The types according to the Scott Catalog, together with the values are: 1/2d, type A24; 1d, type A39; 3d, type A27; 6d, type A30; 1/, type A16 (small size); 2/, type A1; and 5/, type A32.

The exchange rate in terms of United States currency stands at 20c is equal to one shilling. This is somewhat higher than the current rate between Australian currency and that of the United States where the rate amounts to approximately 16c equals one shilling.

Fred G. Weideman, Legal Sec., GHQ-SCAP, APO 500 c/o P.M., San Francisco, now stationed in Japan states that soldier collectors of the United States Forces are very much interested in the B.C.O.F. issues and are keeping an eye open for possible varieties, and also making notes relative to all the aspects of the stamps so that there will be some authoritative history of these issues.

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The exhibit will have approximately 300 frames containing stamps of a wide variety of classifications of many countries. Information about the show together with the prospectus and entry forms can be obtained from the NASPEX Committee, P. O. Box 49, Glen Cove, N. Y.

Installation Of Officers At Banquet

Plans are now being made by the North Hudson Philatelic Society for a banquet to be held on April 15. It is at this event that the society will install the new officers, elected at a recent meeting. Those selected by the club to lead it for the coming year are Mrs. Marie Hesse, as the president; the vice-presidents are Henry Stoekler, and August Hellmuth; the corresponding secretary is Dorothy M. Bernhardt; recording secretary is Walter Guellich and Joseph A. Bernato, is the treasurer.

The Society meets regularly at various places in West New York, New Jersey.

Mahatma Ghandi Will Be Honored With Stamps

Information from India states that there will be commemorative stamps issued to honor the late Mahatma Ghandi. They will be two in number, and are to be issued in March. Values assigned to the stamps are 2 1/2 annas, and 12 annas. Pakistan will produce a set of three new stamps for regular postage, these being valued at 1 1/2 annas, 3 1/2 annas and 12 annas. J. F. Drouette Dias of the Bombay Philatelic Co., who supplied the above information, states that the 9p. stamp of the Burma Interim Government set has been found with the overprint inverted.

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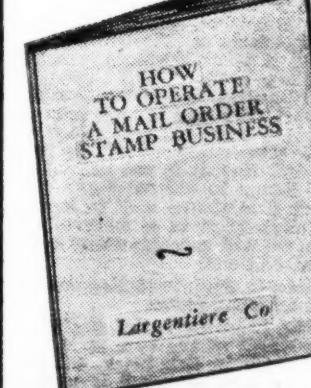
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Scott's Catalogue

Ever since I first became interested in stamps, I considered Scott's Catalogue as a MUST, I also acquired a good magnifying glass in order to locate on my stamps the minute differences mentioned in the catalogue and which identified one stamp from another. I also had to learn to distinguish between a dull black and a blue black overprint. The majority of collectors must rely on Scott's as their only guide for correct information and this catalogue must properly serve collectors, if it is to survive. All this leads up to considerable correspondence with Scott Publications in connection with the British 5 pence M. E. F. Cairo printing. The facts are presented and the reader allowed to form his own opinion.

In the August 19th 1947 issue of Linn's, this column reported the issuance of a five pence M. E. F. Cairo printing (same as Scott's 10/13), giving some of the differences as compared with the London printing. It was also stated that this stamp would probably be No. 14 in the new catalogue. Some time later the 5 and 10 shilling M. E. F. stamps appeared but when part one of the 1948 catalogue was issued, the 5 and 10 shilling stamps were listed as No. 14 and 15 with no mention of the 5 pence Cairo printing. Then began a series of letters back and forth. To reproduce same would require too much space, so here are some of the details. Attention was called to this Cairo printing and on request, the writer submitted a copy of same, which was returned with thanks and the statement that they were afraid that this stamp was too specialized to list separately.

I then sent enlarged photos of the two printings with further details regarding the difference between the two printings and called attention to the fact that dealers were offering same as part of the 1942 set. I mentioned that a large wholesale dealer in his catalogue, offered this set, listing same as "1942-10/13 overprint in black, 5 values including the 5 pence".

Eventually Scott's wrote as follows: "Very glad to have seen the clipping you sent and which we now return but are still inclined to feel that it is too specialized for listing in our catalogue. Possibly it might be well to include mention of it in a footnote and this we will consider doing in the next edition."

Here is the information submitted with the photo.

The Cairo overprint is slightly the larger of the two, and it occurs only in dull black, whereas the London overprint is in blue black. The middle bars of the E and F are relatively longer in the London than in the Cairo overprint, as can be seen from the illustration above. The most satisfactory way of distinguishing be-

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A dictionary for which it is stated "Copyright refused by the United Nations" has made its appearance, and that alone will give you an idea of what to expect of the contents. This Philatelic Dictionary is the work of Henry J. Haight of the Fort Hamilton Philatelic Society of Hamilton, Ohio. While the rest of the philatelic dictionaries give the straight of the matter of collectors terms, this one tells in so many words what the terms actually mean.

All of them are written with the intention of bringing a smile to your face, and it is a certainty that on some you will grin out loud. No indication has been given that the dictionary is for sale, or how one can be obtained, but inquiries directed to Henry Haight, 1904 Pleasant Ave., Hamilton, O., should get this information. Members of the above club received their copies with the March issue of the Fort Hamilton Stamp News, official bulletin of the club.

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One of the most complete offerings of stamps in packets that any collector will find is the one made on a list supplied by John H. Rademacher of Knox, Indiana. A quick check of the list shows that practically all of the popular countries in favor with stamp collectors are well represented, while a good showing is made of some of the others not found too often in packet form.

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A new high in philatelic entertainment was set Saturday night, February 28th, in New York City, when the comparatively new society of air mail collectors, Aerophilatelists, Inc., honored its founders with a banquet at the Hotel McAlpin.

A tremendous crowd gathered, numbering not only collectors of air mail stamps, but collectors and dealers from all strata of philately. The affair, under the direction of William Montgomery and a very capable committee, was one of the most enjoyable meetings of its kind ever held.

Principal speaker of the evening was Theodore Steinway, introduced as America's best known stamp collector. Mr. Steinway gave a most interesting talk, citing his early indifference to material until it was graphically pointed out to him when looking at a friend's collection that one of the friend's choicest possessions was a cover that Steinway himself had sent on an early pioneer flight, addressed to himself.

One of the society's hardest workers, Richard Bohn, was honored with a loving cup for his work on behalf of the society. Earlier, in introducing a number of individuals whose contributions to the group were of substantial value, he proved himself to be a speaker of rare wit and humor by bringing into the introduction philatelic anecdotes of each man, a trait which made the always difficult job of introducing philatelic dignitaries a pleasant one.

The Banquet Committee distinguished itself by several pleasant precedents which all helped to make the program a memorable one. As well as honoring the male end of each of the founders being honored, the wives were presented with tremendous bouquets of roses. Several dozen door prizes were also presented, and to assuage the disappointment of the ones not fortunate enough to win, every lady who was not a winner received a practical gift of the occasion. Such little niceties as cigarettes, cocktails, cigars for the men, and a clever show with an equally clever magician all contributed to make the evening one not to be forgotten by the capacity crowd.

Greatest ovation of the evening was reserved for John J. Britt, former President and Founder of the society, whose efforts on behalf of the Society received due appreciation.

German Stamps Priced Used And Mint

A price list that will prove popular to collectors interested in the stamps of Germany is one just released by Martin Sellinger, 645 Vincent Ave., New York 61, N. Y. Those who apply for it will find it outstanding for several reasons. One is the fact that it lists and prices all the major varieties of this country in both used and unused condition, as well as those of Bohemia and the stamps produced for the Polish occupation.

Another, is the complete listing of the Thurn & Taxis stamps and those of the North German Postal District. Since the stamps are listed by the Scott numbers, and are to be ordered that way, a collector will have no need of a catalog when preparing his purchase list. On purchases of more than a few dollars, Mr. Sellinger offers his customers the opportunity of paying for them on a time payment plan.

The price list can be obtained from Mr. Sellinger at the above address, and is free for the asking.

Boise Collectors Stage Successful Exhibition

When the doors closed on the exhibit sponsored by the Boise (Idaho) Stamp Club at the YMCA on March 6, the members all agreed that the affair was most successful. Feature attraction of the show was the large amount of covers that were displayed by the members. These ranged from U. S. and Foreign first days to early Territorial covers of the West.

The three judges of the show, Messrs. Arthur Harp, Walter Copp and Frank Mathews selected exhibits of the following members as having the best in their respective classes: A. V. Farrell, William Hoffgarten, Elmer Smith, George Lempe, Mrs. L. C. Palmer, Albert N. Palmer, K. W. Kibble; Floyd Bloom, Miss Lela Denman and Roger Williams in the Junior Division.

Art V. Farrell was the general chairman of the show, and the members and visitors believe that he and his staff of assistants are to be highly commended for their efforts. One of the added attractions to visitors was that each of them was given a "Boise Paper Penny". These were used in 1942 and to June 1943 when the country was up against it for one cent pieces, and which were needed to make change.

Youngstown Collectors Sponsor Family Night

An evening of top grade entertainment is in store for the collectors and their families in the vicinity of Youngstown, Ohio on the evening of April 10. It is then that the Mahoning Valley Stamp Club will hold a Family Night at the local YMCA. The club expects guests from the Cleveland area together with delegations from the Salem, Sharon, Warren and Newcastle Clubs. The club will offer an auction through the auspices of a well known auction firm. Visitors too, will have the opportunity of viewing and hearing about the New South Wales collection of Charles Ball of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. Interested persons are assured of a welcome at the party, which will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Sweden Honors American Celebration

Whether the United States issues a stamp for the event or not, Sweden plans to commemorate the American Swedish Pioneer Celebration with an issue of stamps of its own. Readers will remember that there has been some agitation for a stamp to commemorate the settling of the Mid-West by the Swedish settlers, and that the stamp requested was to be of a five cents denomination. This value is the amount required to prepay mail directed to foreign addresses.

Sweden's stamps will be of 15, 30 and 100 ore values. The stamps will appear in coils of 100 stamps each, perforated 13. Only the 15 ore stamp will appear in booklet form, and these in 20 stamps to the booklet and perforated 13.

Annual Banquet For Pennsylvania Club

At their annual banquet, the members of the Blair County Stamp Club are to be addressed by Wilbur Emmerett of Indiana State Teachers College. The affair will take place on Wednesday, April 21 in the Penn Alto Hotel in Altoona, Pa., with the dinner to be served at 6:45 p. m. Guests for the dinner will include several prominent APS officers and stamp dealers, the stamp dealers promising to hold a bourse for the assembled guests.

The club wants it to be known that the dinner is not confined in attendance to the members of the Blair County Club only. All collectors are welcome to attend, and they will be assured of a hearty welcome. More information about the affair can be secured from Ralph C. Hazzard, Box 25, Tyrone, Pa.

WHAT'S NEW

In MSB's Weekly Quotation Bulletin there's something new every week. For example, there are new Bid & Ask prices on many of the U. S. commem sheets. There are scores of attractive new offerings—sheets, collections, plate and plain blocks, etc. featured in the popular Bulletin Board Boxes. Much of this activity is from new subscribers—stamp people like yourself. 52 issues cost only \$3.00 per year—first class mailing. Free sample copy and prospectus for the asking, or mail \$3.00 to start your subscription with next week's issue.

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Canadian Magazine Has Article On Stamps

The Canadian Machinery and Manufacturing News, January 1948 issue, carried an article about the set of three stamps issued by Australia in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the City of Newcastle. The designs carried by the stamps were of special appeal to this magazine, for as collectors will remember, one value depicts the pouring of molten steel from a ladle, while another pictures giant dockside cranes loading coal into ocean going freighters.

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329-335	1.75	1.50	B40	1.30	1.30	B238-240	3.50	3.50
336-342	1.85	1.50	B41-B43	.50	.50	B241-243	1.80	1.80
347-352	2.00	1.70	B44-49	1.55	1.55	B243-244	3.00	3.00
353-358	1.25	.75	B50-54	3.00	3.00	B245	.75	.75
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403	.45	.03	B77-81	.75	.75	B261-266	.60	.60
416	.35	.05	B82	.20	.20	B267	4.50	4.50
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433-435	2.00	1.50	B110-A-112A	1.75	1.75	B279-283	.90	.90
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463-466	.65	.60	B145	1.00	1.00	B309-313	.80	.80
467-468	.30	.12	B146-147	.45	.45	B314-317	6.00	6.00
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489-490	.28	.20	B164-168	2.00	2.00	B337-338	.25	.25
491-492	.25	.20	B169-172	1.25	1.25	B339	1.00	1.00
494-498	.75	.70	B173	3.25	3.25	B340-341	.20	.20
504-509	1.5	.15	B174	1.50	1.50	B342-345	.25	.25
506-516	2.00	1.10	B175-178	1.20	1.20	B346-347	.20	.20
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535A-553	.65	.55	B188-190	1.25	1.25	C10-C12	35.00	35.00
554-567	.25	.25	B191	1.10	1.10	C13-C16	1.00	.75
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By Carl P. Rueth

March 19, was the day that the new robot post office took over in Washington, D. C. A robot post office is otherwise known as a Pitney-Bowes Mailomat, and a machine that will, on being properly fed with coins, imprint a meter impression on your piece of mail. These are, of course, a regular adjunct to the services obtainable at the regular windows, and will get their biggest play during rush hours, and during the night when the regular windows are closed. A first day of use cover from Washington was sent by A. T. Amos of Arlington, Va.

It's better fishing weather than stamp weather right now, but before you break out the poles, let's have our usual questions.

1. What connection is there between the 5c Lexington-Concord, Scott No. 619, and the Famous American stamp depicting Daniel Chester French, Scott No. 887?

2. The flags of what nations were depicted on the Victory stamp of 1919 (Scott No. 537)?

If it's an unusual cover, I can generally blame it on one of several persons. Newest of them has a hand drawn design in color which pictures a rising sun on one side of the envelope, and a setting sun on the other. The cover bears two stamps, one cancelled in the morning at sunrise, and cancelled again on the other side at sunset; on the first day of the Wisconsin Equinox. A remembrance from H. M. Brehm of New London, Wis.

A DID YOU KNOW ITEM: The Post Office Department will give you a reward not exceeding \$2000 for the arrest and conviction of any offender on the charge of mailing or causing to be mailed any bomb, infernal machine, or mechanical, chemical, or other device or composition which may ignite or explode, with the design, intent, or purpose to kill or in anywise hurt, harm, or injure another, or damage, or deface, or otherwise injure the mails or other property.

Mrs. L. H. Jones of Arlington, Mass. is one of those collectors who must be on the watch so that the humidity of her section of the country does not damage her stamps, or her accessories. She has the stamp situation fairly well licked (and that's not a pun), but says that about every three months she must purchase a new packet of hinges because what she has on hand all stick together. Present attempts on her part to foil the weather is to store the hinges in a clean, airtight ink bottle. It might work, too.

When the Post Office Department announced that it would produce the air-letter sheets, a statement was made that these could be printed privately, without a stamp, of course, and then have a stamp affixed to them by the sender. Does anyone know whether any of the privately printed sheets were ever produced? William LaRue, 129 S. Kensington Ave., LaGrange, Ill. would like to know, since when he uses this cheaper means for foreign correspondence, he'd like to use commems on his mail to his friends.

I won't tell you who Henry McLeone is, because all of you know that he writes an interesting daily column for the McNaught Syndicate. In a recent column, he made light humor of the fact that almost all of us only buy enough stamps for our daily personal needs, as they appear, instead of purchasing enough of the stickers at one time to last us for a period of time. He figures that if everyone would keep a supply of stamps on hand like they do canned goods, or other stuff, that there would be enough post office clerks left idle to put to work on other needed func-

tions. The man is 100% right.

As a plug for Alaska's statehood, the Alaska Development Board at Juneau stamps all its outgoing mail with "AIRMAIL from the 49th to the (blank) state," inserting the number of the state to which it is directed. Thus, a letter sent to a Massachusetts address would be filled in as "the sixth state."

How should I mount my collection, is a frequent question that appears. That's a dandy too, because there are several major factors to be considered. Briefly, I'd advise a printed page on which the place for specific stamps is laid out if—I didn't have much time to spend mounting my stamps, or have a lot of drafting skill, or knew that I didn't have the requisite amount of taste and imagination that is required for working with a blank page. Printed pages are excellent and fill the needs for any number of collectors.

Use a blank page, preferably quadrilled if you lack an eagle eye and/or patience, have the time to lay it out, have a good sense of composition, and plan to prepare you entry for a philatelic exhibition. It is a fact that stamp show judges will nod in favor of a collection on pages showing personal effort, rather than on a collection of equal material, factory made.

Answers are now in order.

1. The central design of the 5c Lexington-Concord stamp depicts a "Minute Man," adapted from a photograph of a statue of the same name, executed by Daniel Chester French. The statue stands today at Concord, Mass.

2. The flags shown on the Victory stamp, reading from left to right, are of Great Britain, Belgium, United States, Italy and France.

Free Offer Of Informative Book

Those collectors who are interested in the good things of philately will take advantage at once of the offer of K. Bileski of Winnipeg, Canada. Mr. Bileski has just received from his printers the "Philatelic Pathways" about which so much has been written. In it one will find a description of the stamps, philatelic accessories and services that are obtainable from him, along with some excellent information that will be of value to collectors no matter what their choice of a branch of stamp collecting.

The information about his services, stamps and accessories has been written concisely. The bulk of the book is given over to information which to our knowledge has never been compiled before in such a comprehensive manner. This in part consists of a breakdown of the Scott Catalog by countries and also by type stamps. Each country is listed with the number of regular issues, commemoratives, semi-postals, etc., while the unit figures so obtained are cross-indexed to indicate the total of all the various stamps so issued.

The collector who has been rather perplexed as to where to turn his philatelic interests and monies will certainly be able to gather some first hand information which will guide him in this respect. For in the consideration of the money angle, Mr. Bileski has broken the catalog down and shown how many stamps are listed at various prices, and therefore how many thousand of each a collector can obtain within a certain price range.

The book is well gotten up and printed on a fine grade of paper. It is free for the asking, providing the requests are made by letter and not by card, and can be obtained from Mr. Bileski at the above address.

China Specialist Is Called By Death

James Starr, widely known philatelist, died March 13 at Belfield, his home in Germantown, Pa. after a ten-day illness. His age was 77.

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Those who are planning to attend the meet are asked to speak for their reservations at once by addressing their payment for the same to Bertha Thompson, 98 Old Colony Ave., Wollaston, Mass. This is necessary, in view of the fact that the dinner is to be catered, and the host clubs must know the exact number of persons who will be on hand.

Auction lots are limited to two for each of the collectors in attendance. Collectors are asked also to bring along some of their material to form the basis of an exhibition.

Precancel Editor Will Be At Spring Roundup

Not many readers know it, possibly, but Kenneth M. Gierhart of Baltimore, Ohio, who is the editor of the Precancel News column in Linn's, is also editor of the highly regarded "The Buckeye", official bulletin of the Central Ohio Precancel Club. Mr. Gierhart is also a director of this same organization. He has been the editor of Linn's Precancel news column since away back in the early 1930's, and during all these years has become the mentor of many who follow this type of collecting.

He will be present at the joint meeting of the Central Ohio Precancel Club and the Hoosier Precancel Club, when the latter organization is the host at a meeting in the Richmond Leland Hotel, Richmond, Ind., on Saturday and Sunday May 15, and 16. All collectors are welcome to attend this meeting.

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627 2c Liberty Bell	.35	719 5c Olympics	Bi-cen.	.17	782 3c Arkansas	.07
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628 2c White Plains	.30	721 3c Wash pf 10 vert	Bi-cen.	.08	784 3c Suffrage	.05
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646 2c Molly Pitcher	.12	726 3c Georgia	Bi-cen.	.08	789 3c Army	.10
647 2c Hawaii	.40	727 3c Newburg	Bi-cen.	.07	790 3c Navy	.03
648 5c Hawaii	1.10	728 3c Cen. progress	Bi-cen.	.04	791 3c Navy	.04
649 2c Aeronaut. Conf.	.18	729 3c Cen. progress	Bi-cen.	.07	792 3c Navy	.05
650 5c Aeronaut. Conf.	.60	730 3c Cen. pro. imp.	Bi-cen.	.08	793 3c Navy	.06
651 2c Clark	.15	730a Sheet of 25	Bi-cen.	.22	794 3c Northwest	.11
653 1/2c Hale rotary	.02	731 3c Century Imperf	Bi-cen.	.12	795 3c Vir. Is.	.07
654 2c Edison perf 11	.13	731a Sheet of 25	Bi-cen.	.35	796 3c Vir. Is.	.31
655 2c Edison rotary	.13	732 3c N. R. A.	Bi-cen.	.08	797 10c S. P. A.	.28
656 2c Edison coil	.14	733 2c Byrd	Bi-cen.	.19	798 3c Constit.	.08
657 2c Sullivan	.08	734 5c Kosciusko	Bi-cen.	.25	799 3c Hawaii	.08
660 2c Fallen Timbers	.17	735 3c Byrd imperf.	Bi-cen.	.18	800 3c Alaska	.08
681 2c Ohio River	.08	735a Sheet of 6	Bi-cen.	.12	801 Porto Rico	.08
682 2c Mass. Bay Col.	.08	736 3c Maryland	Bi-cen.	.12	802 3c Vir. Is.	.07
683 2c Carolina-Char.	.18	737 3c Mother's rot.	Bi-cen.	.08	823 3c Pacific	.10
684 1 1/2c Harding rot.	.04	738 3c Mother's Flat.	Bi-cen.	.09	836 3c Swede-Fins.	.11
685 4c Taft Rotary	.08	739 3c Wisconsin	Bi-cen.	.09	837 3c N. W. Colon.	.13
686 1 1/2c Harding coll.	.05	740 4c Parks	Bi-cen.	.03	838 3c Iowa	.11
687 4c Taft coll.	.06	741 2c Parks	Bi-cen.	.04	852 3c Golden Gate	.07
688 2c Braddock's Field	.13	742 3c Parks	Bi-cen.	.07	853 3c N. Y. Fair	.09
689 2c Von Steuben	.09	743 4c Parks	Bi-cen.	.09	854 3c Wash. Inaug.	.11
690 2c Pulaski	.06	744 5c Parks	Bi-cen.	.10	855 3c Baseball	.11
702 2c Red Cross	.06	745 6c Parks	Bi-cen.	.14	856 3c Canal	.12
703 2c Yorktown	.09	746 7c Parks	Bi-cen.	.13	857 3c Printing	.08
704 1 1/2c Wash. Bi-cen.	.03	747 8c Parks	Bi-cen.	.25	858 3c Statehood	.07
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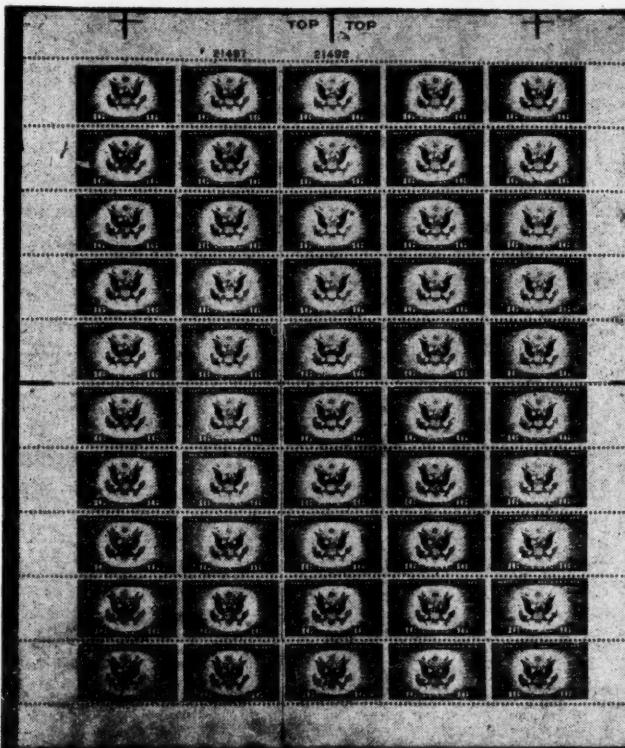
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April 10—J. E. Rasdale, 505 E. Walker, St. John's, Mich. United States and Foreign.

April 12, 13, 14—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22. U. S. and General Foreign.

April 12, 13—H. R. Harmer, Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London W. I., England. A General Sale.

April 16, 17—Grace Stamp Co., 95 Nassau St., New York 7, N. Y. General Foreign.

April 17—White Plains Co., 225 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, N. Y., U. S., Foreign, Whlse, and Accessories.

April 19, 20—H. R. Harmer, Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London, W. I., England. British Colonies, and India.

April 20, 21, 22—Billing & Rich, Inc., 55 W. 42nd St., New York 18. U. S., Poss. and Europe.

April 20, 21—Harmer, Cooke & Co., Inc., 560 Fifth Ave., New York 19. U. S. Rarities, on and off cover.

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April 21, 22, 23—Mercury Stamp Co., 522 Fifth Ave., New York 18. Brit. Emp., German Colonies.

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April 26, 27—H. R. Harmer, Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London, W. I., England. British Empire and Foreign.

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In connection with the exhibition which they will hold on April 9, 10, 11, the Fort Sackville Stamp Club will produce an exhibition seal. The seals are to be produced in three colors and will sell for ten cents a set. They will be obtainable from Willard Goodson, 924 Scott St., Vincennes, Ind. The exhibition will be held in the YMCA Gym at Vincennes, and all collectors are cordially invited to attend.

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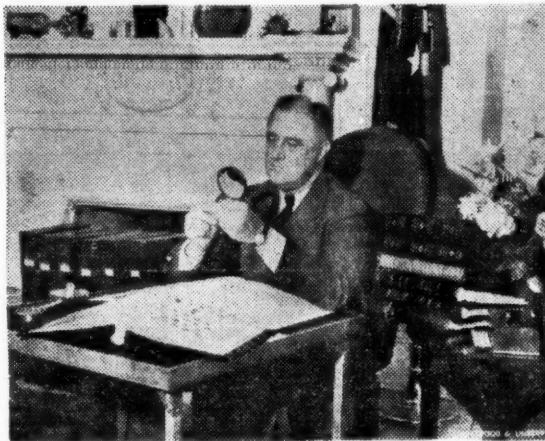
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LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS

ATTEND AND EXHIBIT

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a local one, he submits pages from his albums that he has made up without help, and which seem to be the height of good stamp display. Then let us say that he did not receive any of the awards. And let us further say that our collector is an open minded individual who realizes that somewhere he has failed in mounting his stamps in such a manner that the judges were pleased with his entry. He is looking for information, and in that open minded attitude, he will probably find plenty.

Nearly all shows instruct their judges to base their decisions on the following points: 1. Philatelic Knowledge; 2. Condition; 3. Originality and Neatness; 4. Completeness; 5. Rarity. The weight in points to be awarded for each of these varies, but as an average figure, it generally runs 40%, 20%, 15%, 15% and 10% respectively.

As a purely personal opinion on the matter, Rarity should never be considered at any time as a gauge of philatelic excellence. It is nearly always a reflection of adequate financial standing, or of being in "good" with someone who can supply the item, and not of any special skill that advances the hobby.

For that reason alone, because it reflects nothing of philatelic ability, it should be abandoned in all shows.

Philatelic Knowledge and the other three factors are all well within the means and the ability of all collectors, whether they have five dollars worth of stamps to show or five thousand.

As to Philatelic Knowledge, too many collectors are under the impression that when they have copied the gauge of the perforation, the type watermark, the kind of paper and the year of issue from the Standard Catalog, they have made a marvelous display of knowledge about the stamps they are showing. Some even add the final touch by giving the "piece de resistance" of all philatelic information, the Scott Catalog number!

Unless your stamps definitely require any of the above for identification, and very few of the modern issues will, this will not impress any judge worth his salt as a display of Knowledge. Neither will the addition of the quantities printed of any issue influence him. As an example of philatelic knowledge about a commemorative stamp, and which this writer interprets as a knowledge of the story of the commemoration depicted, let the Valley Forge stamp of some years back be chosen. This stamp will be found in any United States collection worthy of the name.

A sample write-up, which can be lengthened, or shortened to suit the needs of the collector, might be as follows: "Valley Forge is a village on the Schuylkill River in eastern Pennsylvania about 24 miles west of Philadelphia. It was here that in the winter of 1777-1778 Washington and his Colonial army of 11,000 men endured terrible privations. They had retreated from all further military contact with the British, who, thinking they had thrashed the upstart Revolutionaries, were preparing to send their armies back to England. The fortunes of the new nation were at its lowest ebb. From the sufferings of Valley Forge, Washington led his armies to the zenith of attainment with the defeat of the enemy, signaled by the surrender of the British general, Cornwallis, at Yorktown on October 19, 1781.

The field thrown up by the ragged Continentals remains substantially unchanged, and the old stone house where Washington made his headquarters still stands. An area of about 750 acres, including the old camp site, comprises the Valley Forge Memorial Park. This contains a carillon of bells, the complete number, 49, representing the individual states with one National Birthday bell."

Completeness of an exhibit can mean many things, but here, the exhibitor can define his limits with a notation about the stamps, he is showing. Mostly, it means a complete set of any series of stamps, such as all the values of the National Parks. It can also mean all the airmails, or the semi-postals, or all the commemoratives of a country, or group of countries—the collector must always therefore define his limits. The judges will respect them, and make their decisions accordingly.

Condition is attainable by anyone, and means the quality of the centering of the stamp, its

freshness in appearance, its absence of flaws such as missing perfs, creases, heavy cancellation and etc. Anyone can buy nice copies of stamps, and are never hindered in this respect except by their own laziness, poor judgment, or in some cases the cheapness on their part which keeps them from spending the few extra cents at times to get top quality stamps.

The final requirement of Originality and Neatness is the one that generally makes or breaks an entry. Broadly, it means the tasteful mounting of the stamps in the best manner of display possible, to give the cleanest and sharpest appearance to the album page, and to focus the attention of the beholder to the place the collector wants his eyes to travel. That certainly takes in a lot of territory, and it is meant to do just that, for this is the one place that the individual, as an individual can shine. No further treading on this phase will be made, since it deserves a special and detailed treatment of its own.

Stamp show entries are usually judged by sections, although during 1947, there was a commendable tendency to judge entries on an open competition basis. In the first type, all the United States material, or all the topical, or the covers, etc., are placed in competition within the defined group, while in the second, every entry in the show competes against every other one.

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National Wildlife Week this year begins with the first day of Spring, March 21st, and marks the start of the second decade of such observances sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation. The late Franklin Delano Roosevelt proclaimed in 1938 the first Wildlife Week. In his proclamation he appealed to the Nation's citizens to recognize the importance of conservation and urged our people to work for the protection and preservation of "the denizens of field, forest and water."

Wildlife Week is a part of the educational program of the Federation and seeks to bring home to Americans the need for soil, water and plant conservation.

For several decades we have been digging deeper and farther into our storehouse of natural resources. Four billion tons of soil are being eroded away each year; our forests are being cut down fifty percent faster each year than we grow them; our waters are getting more and more polluted and the drain on other resources is equally appalling.

National Wildlife Week was inaugurated to bring out these facts in the hope that the challenge to our good sense will bring about an approach to the solution of these menaces to our security as a nation.

In order to carry on this work the National Wildlife Federation produces each year a sheet of Wildlife Conservation Stamps. This year the art work has been painted by Walter Weber, one of America's great wildlife artists. Mammals, birds, fish, trees and wild flowers make up the 36 Conservation Stamps in beautiful natural colors. In previous issues, the Federation has reproduced 376 different species of American wildlife, thus bringing the total to 412—a veritable pictorial encyclopedia of our out-door resources.

The sheet sells for one dollar and may be obtained from the National Wildlife Federation, 3308 Fourteenth Street, N. W., Washington 10, D. C.

The Federation has affiliates in 37 States and during Wildlife Week the State and local groups hold conservation meetings where the dramatic story of soil, water and plant life in its relationship to wildlife resources is told from the platform, through the press, and over the radio.

Details relating to Wildlife Week activities may be obtained from David A. Aylward, President of the Federation, 20 Spruce Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

Free Eats 'N Everything At Chicago Exhibition

When the Austin Philatelic Club of Chicago stage their 15th Annual Exhibition and Bourse, chances are that they will again have the largest number of visitors to attend any of the shows in the Chicago area. The mere fact that visitors are offered free admission, free entertainment and free eats, along with a top-notch stamp show, could have little bearing on the establishment of this record—or could it? Nevertheless the Austin group have established such a tradition for their shows and it will again be adhered to with the present one.

Two days will be the time limit of the exhibit, these on April 17 and 18. Scene of the event will be the Austin Masonic Temple, Central Ave. and Fulton St. in Chicago. The club has announced that a total of 250 frames will comprise the show while the bourse will be staffed with nineteen of the better known of the mid-western stamp dealers.

NEW ISSUES AND DISCOVERIES

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POLAND: A very attractive 15 zloty brown stamp has appeared with the inscription "Wiosna Ludow" (Popular Revolution) and the dates: 1848/1948. It depicts a young man in tattered shirt, a plough resting across one knee, while he breaks a chain, symbolizing bondage, in two. Behind can be seen a group of soldiers and a banner.

The 75 zloty black airmail stamp of the new centaur design, previously announced for March appearance, has arrived on cover.

Thirdly, a pictorial postal card has appeared showing a scene in the rugged Tatras Mountains on one side. On the reverse the Chopin stamp is imprinted on the card in a new color—olive. The card indicates the issue was 250,000 but it is not known whether other pictorial scenes besides the one at hand were made.

ROMANIA The provisional two-part fiscal stamps which had been overprinted "I.O.V.R. 1 Leu" (for the benefit of war veterans) has been replaced by a permanent stamp, pale rose, 1 Leu. It depicts a woman and child to the left of, and a war veteran on crutches to the right of a long avenue receding into the distance to a building, quite probably a hospital or convalescent home.

One Million Dollars In Mint Stamps Given SFTW

A donation of new, unused postage stamps with a total face value of over \$1,000,000 was received for distribution to hospitalized servicemen, according to an announcement by Ernest A. Kehr, National Chairman of Stamps for the Wounded. The donation was contributed by F. S. Tas, Director General of Posts and Telecommunications, Nanking, China.

Accompanying a personal letter from General Tas, were 100 complete, mint sets of the following Chinese issues: Commemoration of Victory; Teacher's Day; Restoration of Taiwan; Mobile, P. O.; Kiosk P. O.; 50th Anniversary of Chinese P. O. and Enforcement of Constitution.

The stamps will be distributed to regional directors of SFTW for especially deserving servicemen, and while it may seem like a relatively small gift, it does demonstrate that even foreign postal officials are cognizant of the value of stamp collecting as therapeutic recreation and are willing to help our boys along.

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The CSA Offers Its Society Bulletin To Stamp Collectors

There are a number of collectors in this country who are seriously interested in the stamps of the Confederacy. A good number of these will be found within the fraternal folds of the Confederate Stamp Alliance, the members of which are die-in-the-wool collectors of these issues. Members are to be found in nearly all states of the Union, and these are being kept well informed of the activities of the Society through the medium of "The Confederate Bulletin," official organ of the group.

Besides society news, the Bulletin also carries studies and information about the Confederate stamps resulting from the efforts of the members. As for instance, number 18, the current issue carries another instalment of the serial, "Confederate Counterfeits" by Col. August Dietz, Sr. This issue was mailed to the members in February. The C. S. L. has made the offer of a copy of their bulletin to interested collectors, who will address their requests to Col. Eugene Wulfekuhler, Box 2, Ottumwa, Iowa. No charge is made.

Present officers of the group are A. Earl Weatherly, president, of Greensboro, N. C., August Dietz, Sr. of Richmond, Va., and Haydn Myer, secretary-treasurer, 2224 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.

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